

IN THE ABSTRACT

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**ABSTRACT**

A2 An otoplastic for production of behind-the-ear hearing aids. The hearing aid includes a preferably flexible signal conductor, for example an acoustic tube that can be positioned in the auditory canal, whereby the otoplastic matches the individual anatomy of the patient and its locating part is essentially in the form of a clip, which, at least partly arched, follows the outer edge of the patient's cavum conchae. A branch that follows the edge of the cavum conchae transforms, above the patient's antitragus, into a bent crosspiece that traverses the cavum conchae and runs in the direction of the patient's porous acusticus externus. The end section of the crosspiece lies in the upper section of the auditory canal and widens to accept the signal conductor.

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REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice.

By the present preliminary amendment original claims 1-8 are canceled and new claims 9-26 are presented for examination. New claims 9-26 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including original claims 1-8, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter. Further, new claims 9-26 are not believed to be more narrow in scope in any aspect in comparison with original claims 1-8.

A new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is also submitted herein.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title on page 1, with the following:

[OTOPLASTY FOR BEHIND-THE-EAR (BTE) HEARING AIDS] OTOPLASTIC FOR BEHIND-THE-EAR HEARING AIDS

IN THE CLAIMS

--Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

Claims 9-26 (New).

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(New).--